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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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for the year

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Bakewell Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Miss Dickson and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics affecting the Urban District of Bakewell for the year 1945.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	3061 acres.
Population - estimated for mid-year 1945	3235.
Population - census, 1931	3028.
Population - census, 1921	2964.
Rateable value (April, 1945)	£25,239.
Product of Penny Rate (ascertained) year ending March, 1945.	£101:5:4.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1945.

Births:

Live Births:	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	33.	16.	17.
Illegitimate.	5.	0.	5.
	38.	16.	22.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population:- 11.7.

Stillbirths:	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	2.	1.	1.
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.
	2.	1.	1.

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births:- 50

Deaths:

Deaths per 1,000 estimated population:- 11.4.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year:

Legitimate	2.
Illegitimate	0.
	2.

Infant Mortality Rates.
All infants per 1,000 live births ... ...52.6.

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The tables below give a summary of Birth, Death and infant mortality rates over a period of seven years. The figures call for little comment except to draw attention to the tendency for the birth rate to be below the death rate.

The table of comparison with the Country as a whole shows only too clearly that, while the death rate is comparable with other parts, the birth rate is very definitely lower.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR SEVEN YEARS.

	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Birth Rate.	12.76	12.93	11.44	9.75	13.4	11.1	11.7
Death Rate. (all causes)	10.63	13.79	12.32	7.24	15.03	14.36	11.4
Deaths under 1 year (all causes) per 1,000 live births.	97.56	21.75	71.19	32.25	0.0	58.8	52.6

	England & Wales:	126 County Boroughs & Great Towns including London.	128 Smaller Towns - Resident Population 25,000 - 50,000.	London Administrative County.	Bakewell Urban District.
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population).	16.1	19.1	19.2	15.7	11.74
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	11.4	13.5	12.3	13.8	11.44
Infant Mortality (Deaths under One year per 1,000 population)	46.0	54.0	43.0	53.0	52.6

HOUSING:

The position in general has deteriorated and overcrowding was increased. Particularly bad are the conditions resulting from houses being shared by two or more families. Although the erection of ten temporary prefabricated houses was commenced in the autumn the hopes of real progress appear to be dwindling as a result of petty restrictions, shortage of materials and labour. The Council will have to maintain a really strong and persistent pressure if some of the really appalling conditions are to be remedied.

WATER.

Once again there was general shortage throughout the first nine months of the year. The position will only be slightly relieved by the closing of the Military Camps since the general tendency is for a greater domestic supply.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR SEVEN YEARS.

	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Birth-Rate.	12.76	12.97	11.44	9.75	12.4	11.1	11.7
Death-Rate. (per 1,000 population)	10.45	11.72	12.32	7.24	13.05	14.56	11.4
Infant mortality (infants under 1 year of age) per 1,000 live births.	57.86	21.75	74.19	32.75	0.0	58.6	52.6

	England & Wales.	12m. to end of Year Excluding Towns Having Population Exceeding 5,000.	126 Selected Towns - Resident Population 25,000 - 50,000.	London Administrative County.	Bolsover Urban District.
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population).	15.1	19.1	19.2	13.7	11.76
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	11.4	12.3	12.3	13.8	11.44
Infant mortality (Deaths under one year per 1,000 population)	45.0	56.0	43.0	51.0	52.6

HOUSING:

The position in general has deteriorated and overcrowding was increased. Particularly bad are the conditions resulting from houses being shared by two or more families. Although the erection of ten temporary prefabricated houses was completed in the autumn the hopes of real progress appear to be imperiled as a result of petty restrictions, shortage of materials and labour. The Council will have to maintain a really strong and persistent pressure if some of the really appalling conditions are to be remedied.

WORKS:

Does again show a general improvement throughout the first nine months of the year. The position will only be slightly relieved by the closing of the Colliery Co., since the general tendency is for a greater demand.

MEAT INSPECTION UNDER THE CONTROL SCHEME

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number Inspected.	3,054	400	5,579	143
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-				
Whole carcases condemned	44	20	23	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	641	3	36	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	22.45	17.41	1,05	
Tuberculosis only:-				
Whole carcases condemned	80	-	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	864	-	-	1
Percentage of the Number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	30.9	Nil.	Nil.	

NUMBER OF CATTLE INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED DURING THE LAST SEVEN YEARS

	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945
Number of cattle inspected.	1,186	2,023	2,479	2,494	2,198	2,373	3,054
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	3.7	20.46	12.54	11.46	15.5	22.9	22.45
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	9.1	14.53	13.95	19.68	28.8	28.2	30.9

MEAT INSPECTION

The tables show very clearly that the slaughterhouses have been used to their fullest extent. In spite of representation to the Ministry of Food no improvements have yet been carried out, nor does there appear to be any immediate hope of action. One realises that the present premises are temporary, and that this is a grave hindrance to extension and improvements, but a time limit should be set to such temporary expedients, and the Central Authority should give some indication of future policy in regard to the provision of public abbatoirs.

Existing conditions are entirely unsatisfactory, and it is high time that the Ministry of Food give more support to the Meat Inspectors and more supervision by their own officials. Without such co-operation the task of the Meat Inspectors is indeed unenviable.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

BAKEWELL URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, 1945.

Name of Inspector - T. W. Baker.

Area of District - 3061 acres. Estimated No. of houses - 890.
New Houses erected - 19 - (a) By Local Authority - Nil.
(b) By Private Enterprise - Nil.

	Number of Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.	Number of Notices Served:- Informal.	Legal.	Number of Nuisances Abated with or without Notice.
CLOSETS AND ASHPITS:				
Defective Privies, Pail Closets & Ashpits (not for conversion)	32	4		4
Conversion of Privies into W.C's.				
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C's.				
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets.				
Defective Water Closets.	12	5		5
Provision of additional Water Closets.				
Provision of Portable Ashbins .	18	9		9
Dirty Closets.	4			
DRAINAGE:				
No disconnection of waste pipe	2			
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets and Drains.	32	12	1	15
Drains obstructed.	37			37
OTHER DEFECTS:				
Paving of Courts and yards	2			
Roofs, Eaves-spouts & Down-spouts	23	7		7
Sinks.	6	2		2
Insufficient Ventilation.				
Windows.	8			
Dampness.	7			
Water in Cellers.	6			3
Water Supply	10	6		10
Overcrowding				
Foul condition of Houses.	2			
Offensive Accumulations.	9			9
Animals improperly kept.	6			3
Pigsties.	3			
Smoke Nuisances.				
Urinals.	7			
Nuisances not specified above.				
Totals.	226	45	1	104.

	Number on Register.	Inspections made.	Notices Served.	Nuisances Abated with or without Notice.
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	27	19	1	1.
Bakehouses	5	11		
Slaughter-Houses (3 only in use under Ministry of Food)	7	129		
Offensive Trades				

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	Number on Register.	Inspections Made.	Notices Served.	Nuisances Abated with or without Notice.
Common Lodging Houses				
Totals.	39	159	1	1

Signed .....T. W. Baker .....

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1945

YEAR 1945 AGE GROUPS. BAKEWELL URBAN DISTRICT.

Disease.	Under one Year.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	10.	15.	20.	35.	45.	60.	TOTAL.
Smallpox.													
Scarlet Fever						7	5	2					14
Diphtheria													
Enteric Fever (including para-typhoid).													
Puerperal Pyrexia													
Pneumonia											1	1	2
Measles.	2	3	2	4	4	27	13	2	2				59
Whooping Cough.		1	2			2		1					6
Erysipelas.										1		2	3
Dysentery.				1									1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	1												1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1945.	NUMBER OF CASES Notified.	Removed to Hospital.
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary.	1.	-
do. - Other Forms.	-	-
Smallpox:-		
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated -		
No. vaccinated in infancy -		
No. unvaccinated. -	-	-
Scarlet Fever	14	6
Diptheria.	-	-
Enteric (Typhoid Fever.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever.	1.	1.
Erysepelas.	3.	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	1.	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.	-	-
Acute Polio-Myelitis.	-	-
Pneumonia.	2	-
Measles.	59.	-
Whooping Cough	6.	-
Other diseases:-		
Dysentery	1.	-
Is Diphtheria Antitoxin supplied free of charge by Local Authority when necessary?	Yes.	
Is artificial immunisation against Diphtheria carried out by the Local Authority?	Yes.	
If so, state prophylactics used.	A.P.T.	

TUBERCULOSIS - 1945.

Age Period.	NEW CASES.				MORTALITY.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -								
1 -								
5 -								
15 -								
25 -								
35 -								
45 -								
55 -	1							
65 upwards.								
	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

I have the honour to be, Miss Dickson &
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. Proctor.

Medical Officer of Health.

Bath Street,
Bakewell.
31st January, 1947.

TUBERCULOSIS - 1943.

Age Period.	NEW CASES.				MORTALITY.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -								
1 -								
5 -								
10 -								
15 -								
20 -								
25 -								
35 -								
45 -								
55 -								
65 and over.								
Total.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-